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ALAMEDA

A grant of \$23,149 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to the California State Department of Public Health to provide supplementary funds for research to develop a simple diagnostic test for poliomyelitis was announced recently. The work will be under the direction of Dr. Edwin H. Lennette, chief of the health department's Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory.

At the same time it was announced that the University of California at Berkeley received \$85,198 from the foundation for continuance of studies to determine the chemical composition of the virus that causes poliomyelitis. This research is being carried on by Dr. Wendell M. Stanley, director of the Virus Research Center on the Berkeley campus.

Dr. Stanley also was awarded a supplementary grant of \$1,790 by the American Cancer Society to continue a cancer research project.

LOS ANGELES

The following officers of the Radiological Society of Southern California were installed in June to serve for the remainder of 1955 and the first half of 1956: Chairman, Dr. Lowell S. Goin, Los Angeles; vice-chairman, Dr. John D. Camp, Los Angeles; secretary-treasurer, Dr. James B. Irwin, San Diego. Other members of the Board of Directors are: Dr. Donald R. Laing, Pasadena, and Dr. George Jacobson, Los Angeles.

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A \$100,000 trust fund for cancer research at the Medical Center on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California has been established by James and Lorena Greims of Encino, Calif.

The fund will be used for certain surgical problems associated with cancer under the direction of Dr. G. A. Stevens, clinical professor of surgery. He will be assisted by Dr. David B. Shelton.

The research will be concerned with three different problems:

1. A study of factors which control growth of abnormal cells within the body.
2. Development and perfection of new operations for cancer treatment.
3. A study of the body processes and their control in the cancerous patient and the alteration of these processes following the removal of the cancer by operation.

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Dr. Carroll J. Bellis of Long Beach, senior consultant in surgery at Long Beach General Hospital, has been declared the winner of the 1955 Mississippi Valley Medical Society essay contest for his paper "The Management of Acute Bowel Obstructions." Dr. Bellis will present the paper at the 20th annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society to be held at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, September 28-30. He will receive a gold medal, a certificate and a cash award.

The Southern California Psychiatric Society is publishing a Directory of Psychiatrists in Southern California. Any psychiatrist in the area who has not received an information sheet is urged by the Society to request it immediately from Jerome M. Kummer, M.D., associate editor, Box 305, Santa Monica.

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Two top administrative posts for physicians with public health experience are now available in the Los Angeles City Health Department, it was announced recently. Additional positions in clinical medicine are also open.

Applications are now being received for the position of medical director, a post involving the direction and administration of the following departmental services: Communicable disease control (including tuberculosis and venereal disease control), maternal and child health, adult health, laboratories, and public health nursing. The salary range is \$797 to \$992 a month. In addition, the department is seeking a well qualified epidemiologist with formal training in public health, special experience in communicable disease control and administrative abilities. This position pays \$715 to \$889 a month.

Openings for chest specialists for clinical duties in the tuberculosis control service are available at salaries ranging from \$608 to \$775.

None of these positions requires a competitive civil service examination, the Department said. Further information may be obtained from H. C. Pulley, M.D., Los Angeles City Health Department, 111 East First Street, Los Angeles 12.

ORANGE

Dr. Harold M. F. Behneman, Laguna Beach, has been appointed to the staff of the American College of Surgeons as a field representative, Dr. Paul R. Hawley, director of the College, announced recently. Dr. Behneman will survey cancer detection and treatment facilities in the West, Northwest and western Canada. Serving also as College representative to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, he will survey hospitals in this area.

SAN FRANCISCO

Following is the program for the Cancer Conference of the California Division of the American Cancer Society to be held Friday afternoon, September 30, 1955, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco:

- 2:00—Diagnostics in Cancer Work—John G. Walsh, M.D., Sacramento.
- 2:30—Current Virus Research Applied to the Cause of Cancer—Dr. W. M. Stanley, Berkeley.
- 3:00—Current Status of Environmental Factors in Lung Cancer—Paul Kotin, M.D., Glendale.
- 3:30—Psychological Impact of Cancer on the Patient and Family—Robert Crede, M.D., San Francisco.
- 4:00—Cancer of the Stomach in Hawaii—Walter B. Quisenberry, M.D., Honolulu.

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Stanford University has received a total of \$200,000 for medical fellowships from the estate of the late Charles Francis Aaron of Marysville, it was announced recently by Wallace Sterling, president.

Provided in continuing payments since Mr. Aaron's death in 1953, the money comprises the Charles Francis Aaron Endowment Fund as stipulated by his will. He arranged that it should be used to help "unusually qualified, but needy, recent graduates in medicine, for training in research of special fields."

The names of five of the guest speakers who will appear on the program of the 26th Annual **Postgraduate Symposium on Heart Disease** which is to be held October 5-7 at the St. Francis Hotel, were announced recently by the San Francisco Heart Association. They are: Dr. D. Evan Bedford of London, England, Dr. Franklin D. Johnston of Ann Arbor, Dr. Elliot V. Newman of Nashville, Dr. Edith Potter of Chicago, and Dr. Myron Prinzmetal of Los Angeles.

Cooperating with the San Francisco Heart Association in the presentation of this program will be six other Northern California County Heart Associations, Alameda, Marin, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma.

GENERAL

The 12th annual meeting of the **American Medical Writers' Association** will be held at the Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, September 30, followed by an Association-sponsored Workshop on Medical Writing, October 1.

All physicians and collegiate graduates interested in medical writing, journalism or publishing are invited to attend the meeting and to become Association members. There is no registration fee for attending the meeting but a registration fee of \$5 for the Workshop is required of non-members.

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The **Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation** is offering the following research fellowships in the basic sciences related to arthritis: (1) Predoctoral fellowship ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per annum, depending on the family responsibilities of the fellow, tenable for one year with prospect of renewal. (2) Postdoctoral fellowships ranging from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per annum, depending on family responsibilities, tenable for one year with prospect of renewal. (3) Senior fellowships for more experienced investigators will carry an award of \$6,000 to \$7,500 per annum and are tenable for five years.

The deadline for applications is October 15, 1955. Applications will be reviewed and awards made in January 1956.

Information and application forms may be obtained from The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, 23 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y.

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The **American Dermatological Association** has announced the offering of a series of prizes for the best essays submitted for original work, not previously published, relative to some fundamental aspect of dermatology or syphilology. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$500, \$400, \$300, and \$200 for first, second, third and fourth place, respectively. Competition in this prize contest is open to scientists generally, not necessarily to physicians. Manuscripts typed in English with double spacing and ample margins as for publication, together with illustrations, charts and tables, all of which must be in triplicate, are to be submitted not later than November 15, 1955.

The manuscripts should be sent to Dr. J. Lamar Callaway, secretary, American Dermatological Association, Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

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The **Seventh Annual Symposium on Heart Disease**, sponsored by the **Washington State Heart Association** and the Washington State Department of Health, will be held September 30 and October 1 in the University of Washington Medical School Auditorium, Seattle. Among the speakers will be Dr. Howard Sprague of Boston, Dr. Charles Kossman of New York City, and Dr. Jesse Edwards of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education assemblies and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to: Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Assistant Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 13.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Anesthesia—August 29, 30 and 31, 1955.

Surgical Anatomy, Tuesday evenings, September 20 to November 22, 1955.

Advanced Treatment of Emotional Problems, Thursday evenings, September 22 to December 15, 1955.

Annual Medical Lecture Series, Monday evenings, September 26 to December 12, 1955.

Application of Principles of Industrial Medicine to Private Practice, Wednesday afternoons, October 19 to December 14, 1955.

Aviation Medicine, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 25, 26 and 27, 1955.

Pediatrics, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 27, 28 and 29, 1955.

Three Symposia: RIVERSIDE, Wednesdays, September 21, 28 and October 5, 1955—(a) What's New in Medicine; (b) Fevers of Unexplained Origin; (c) Obstetrics.

Three Symposia: SAN DIEGO, Wednesdays, October 26, November 2 and 9, 1955—(a) Radioisotopes; (b) Surgery of the Hand; (c) Burns, one-half day; Repair of Superficial Wounds, one-half day.

Contact: Thomas H. Sternberg, M.D., Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education, U.C.L.A., Los Angeles 24.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

In San Francisco:

Conference on Applied Therapeutics—October 17, 18 and 19.

Conference on Gynecology and Obstetrics—October 20 and October 21.

Ophthalmological Conference—December 5 to December 7.

In East Oakland:

Medicine for General Practitioners—Tuesday evenings, September 20 to December 6.

In Berkeley:

Postgraduate Institute—Wednesday evenings, Herrick Memorial Hospital, October 19 through November 23.

In San Mateo:

Evening Lectures in Medicine—Thursday evenings, September 22 to December 15.

Contact: Office of Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

In Ventura:

No. 843: Recent Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment. In cooperation with the Ventura County Medical Association. Six weekly lectures, September 29 to November 3, 1955.